


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 16, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 03/01/2000)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Use or Threat of Deadly Force in a York County Public School

Over the past year, staff members from the York County School Division, Sheriff's Office and Fire and Life Safety Department have collectively worked on the development of plans for incidents involving the use or threat of deadly force in a York County public school. As a result, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed to provide authority on future actions relative to this subject.

Specifically, the MOU establishes authority for a more detailed response plan to be developed and implemented in order to deal with the use or threat of deadly force at a York County public school. It will be the intent of the plan to deal with deadly force as it relates to a person or persons wielding a gun, knife, or other similar instrument with the intent to inflict bodily harm, such as occurred in Springfield, Oregon and Littleton, Colorado. For incidents involving fires, explosions and/or the uncontrolled release of hazardous materials, whether accidental or intentional, procedures and/or practices currently exist with appropriate chains of authority already established. In addition, the MOU references a set of planning factors for use by the planning team to develop the more detailed plan. These factors will be used as general guidelines and as the more detailed plan is established, the proposed Board action provides to staff the ability to modify the factors for operational purposes where necessary based on the various expertise and recommended practices, etc., as long as the plan meets the overall intent of protecting the students, staff, general public, responders and facilities as necessary.

The plan has been approved by the Sheriff and the School Board. It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution R00-28 authorizing the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff and the York County School Board for the development of a response plan for the use or threat of deadly force in a York County public school.

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